

Upon returning to the Stanford Campus, we found that our many days of rugged toil had been made more valuable by the final attention given to the material by Miss Randall upon receipt.

As we gathered plants on the trip, we tried to collect four or five specimens of each species at each locality. Thus there were several more or less complete sets in the entire collection. Stanford retained a complete set and the others were sold to the herbaria of the New York Botanical Garden, the Smithsonian Institution, the Royal Botanical Garden of Edinburgh, the Jardin botaniques in Genève, Harvard University, and the University of Zürich. Dr. Abrams very generously split the balance with me after all expenses were deducted. My half, as I recall, amounted to roughly \$75.

During the entire trip, no accidents occurred and neither Dr. Abrams nor I incurred any physical ailments. I don't seem to recall any rainfall that caused any worry. All that can be said for our food and cooking is that it didn't poison us and it did maintain our bodily functions. With the exception of a week's supply of rolled oats, the burros kept in seemingly good condition by grazing upon the grass and other burro eatables they could find in and around camp. What plant impressed me the most during the entire trip? I am inclined to select the matilija poppy, *Romneya trichocalyx* (fig. 5).

I would be very remiss were I not to record that I cannot recall any unkind attitude or remark ever occurring throughout the entire duration of the collecting trip. To characterize Dr. Abrams in the vernacular, he was a "darn good scout," and an ever pleasant companion. I have thought and spoken of the trip many times. It was one of the high spots in my life!

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## NOTES AND NEWS

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY.—The rapid population growth in California will inevitably result in the reduction or even extinction of endemic plants in many parts of the State. The California Native Plant Society was established in July to counteract this threat to the native flora. This is a statewide, non-profit, educational, and charitable organization specifically concerned with the conservation of the California flora. It will cooperate with other conservation groups in this task. The organization consists of members at large and a program involving the formation of local chapters is being initiated. The sponsors of the California Native Plant Society include a number of distinguished California citizens. Information on the programs of the Society can be obtained from P. O. Box 397, Berkeley, California 94701 or from the Jepson Herbarium, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720. Membership dues include a monthly newsletter and a quarterly publication.